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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ANGOLA: PORTUGUESE VIEWS ON THE TRANSFER OF POWER

EMBASSY LISBON REPORTS THAT ANGOLAN HIGH COMMISSIONER CARDOSO MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH O SECULO OCTOBER 20:

--THE GOP IS NOT IN A POSITION TO "DICTATE" A PROCESS BY WHICH SOVEREIGNTY IS TRANSFERRED.

--THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS MUST MEET AND REACH A COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO BREAK THE CURRENT IMPASSE.

--THE GOP PREFERS TO TRANSFER POWER TO ALL THREE MOVEMENTS, BUT IF THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE IT IS PREPARED TO HAND
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THE REIGNS TO TWO OF THEM.

--THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY TO ONE MOVEMENT WOULD BE ILLEGAL.

--PORTUGAL DOES NOT WANT THE UN OR THE OAU TO MEDIATE A SOLUTION EXCEPT AS A LAST RESORT. MILITARY INTERVENTION BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION'

--HE FORESEES A "SPECTACULAR EVOLUTION" IN ANGOLA IN THE LAST DAYS OF OCTOBER.

AIR FORCE COS GENERAL MORAIS DE SILVA SAID HE "WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED" IF THE FNLA WERE IN CONTROL OF LUANDA BY NOVEMBER 11. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 6193, 10/21.)

2. GREECE TO BE DISAPPOINTED?

EMBASSY ATHENS AGREES WITH AMBASSADOR MACOMBER THAT CAGLAY-ANGIL'S STATEMENTS PROVIDE TOO FEW SPECIFICS ON GOT FLEXIBILITY TO CONVINCE THE GREEKS THAT MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS ARE IMMINENT. THE EMBASSY NOTES:

--REITERATED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS TERRITORIAL QUESTIONS WILL NOT PLEASE THE GOG, WHICH BELIEVES DENKTASH HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN TO BEGIN SUCH DISCUSSIONS EVEN BEFORE THE PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO.

--CAGLAYANGIL'S CALL FOR EQUAL GREEK-TURKISH PARTICIPATION IN THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT (SOMETHING GREECE REFUSES TO CONTEMPLATE) SIGNALS A YAWNING CONCEPTUAL GAP BETWEEN THE GREEKS AND THE TURKS.

UNTIL THE GOT IS MORE FORTHCOMING, EMBASSY ATHENS SUGGESTS AN APPROACH TO THE GOG ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

--ALTHOUGH THE TURKS ARE NOT PREPARED TO REVEAL SPECIFIC CONCESSIONS IN ADVANCE, WE BELIEVE THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR A NEW EFFORT IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL CONTEXT.

--WE BELIEVE THE GOT WILL THIS TIME MAKE SURE THAT
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DENKTASH ADDRESSES TERRITORIAL QUESTIONS.

--ONCE THE DISCUSSIONS ARE RESUMED, WE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO WORK BEHIND THE SCENES FOR TURKISH FLEXIBILITY.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE GOG WOULD OPPOSE A NEW ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, DESPITE

THEIR PROBABLE DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE LACK OF CLEAR SIGNALS
FROM ANKARA. (CONFIDENTIAL) ATHENS 8102 (EXDIS), 10/21.)

3. TURKEY: CHIEF NEGOTIATOR SKEPTICAL ON BASE TALKS

IN AN OCTOBER 21 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR MACOMBER, MFA
SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG, WHO WILL BE CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR
THE TURKISH SIDE DURING TALKS WITH THE USG, SAID HE UNDER-

STOOD THE PROBLEM FOR THE US POSED BY THE GOT'S DECISION
REGARDING INDEFINITE SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES ON OUR COMMON
DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS. ELEKDAG ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS HOPE
FOR REACHING A NEW AGREEMENT WITHIN SIX WEEKS IS UNLIKELY
TO BE REALIZED. (CONFIDENTIAL) ANKARA 7873, 10/21.)

4. LEBANON: TWO USIA OFFICERS KIDNAPPED

EMBASSY BEIRUT REPORTS THAT AT 0645 LOCAL OCTOBER 22 TWO
USIA OFFICERS -- CHARLES D. GALLAGHER AND WILLIAM R. DYKES,
THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL SERVICE
CENTER -- WERE KIDNAPPED ON THEIR WAY TO WORK BY A GROUP
OF UNIDENTIFIED ARMED INDIVIDUALS IN FATIGUE UNIFORMS. NO
FURTHER DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. THE EMBASSY
HAS NOTIFIED LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AND IS ENDEAVORING TO
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